

St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
12th October 2025



Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Bridget Hopkins
	9.30am	John Costello, RIP
	11.00am	Michael Baldrey, RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	St Edward the Confessor	
	10.45am	Elizabeth Fisherman, RIP
Tuesday	Feria	
	10.45am	Margaret Cullinane, RIP
Wednesday	St Teresa of Avila	
	10.45am	Rita Fernando, RIP
Thursday	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	
	10.45am	Requiem: Marcus Brereton
Friday	St Ignatius of Antioch	
	10.45am	John Caruso, RIP
Saturday	St Luke	
	10.45am	Carmen Giuliano, RIP & All Souls

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Saturday	6.00pm	Charles Glackin, RIP
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Confessions – St Joseph's:

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love, which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. There are envelopes in the church porch for the collection with a Gift Aid slip attached. Please take one.

PARISH QUIZ

The next fundraising event for our parish project, St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, will be a Parish Quiz on Friday 24th October at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Entry fee £5 per person. A few light snacks will be on offer, but please bring your own drink. Do come along, show off your knowledge and bring a friend!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

ROSARY: Daily at 10.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am-7.00pm

CLEANING: S Masih, M Golomingi, E Aoko.

FLOWERS: Mrs Price

NEXT SUNDAY: 29th Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MINISTRY

There will be a charismatic prayer ministry led by Fr Xavier Khan Vattayil's team and will include praise and worship, talk, prayer ministry, Holy Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and healing service. Venue: Our Lady's Church, Kempston. Date: Saturday 18th October from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. All welcome.

JESUS YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Jesus Youth will be arriving on foot from Our Lady's, Kempston, on pilgrimage to The Holy Child & St Joseph's Church this Saturday, joining us for Mass at 10.45am. Our church is a designated Pilgrim Church for the Holy Year in which the Plenary Indulgence may be gained. Information on this special Indulgence is available at the back of the church.

INTERNATIONAL MEAL

Thanks to all who attended the International Meal last week and especially to those who contributed a meal representing their country of origin. Such a variety of dishes and all most delicious and plentiful! Thanks to all who arranged the evening which raised £320 for our parish project. My thanks to Fr Giuseppe for allowing us to use the Italian Church Hall.

CAFOD COLLECTION

Thank you for the very generous response to our CAFOD appeal and collection last Sunday which raised £928.68 from St Joseph's and £182.75 from Our Lady's. Our giving will greatly help support our poor brothers and sisters throughout the world.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts Friday 17th October. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel; 07887 296983.

GIFT AID

Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you. Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50, and we can even claim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential and makes a big difference to parish life. Please let me know if interested in Gift Aid.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marcus Brereton and Marisa D'Ambra. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

REFLECTION

October is the month of the holy Rosary, and we are invited by Pope Leo to recite it each day this month for peace in our world. He is echoing the plea of Our Lady to the seers at Fatima to pray the Rosary for peace, at which time the First World War was still raging in 1917. The next year, the war ended! But man does not seem to learn from his mistakes and war, as we know, broke out again, along with the disaster of the Russian Revolution. And once again, we are in the grip of war! When all seems hopeless, we have to appeal to a higher power. Reciting the Rosary as advocated by Our

Lady herself, is heaven's peace-plan. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced by Pope Pius V after the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. The Pope asked the faithful to pray the rosary in defence of Christian Europe against the threat of the Ottoman Empire. The battle was won by the Christian League of Nations and the Ottoman expansion was halted. As then, so now, the Rosary can be a powerful prayer against the evils that threaten us both personally and internationally. Praying the Rosary and reflecting on its various mysteries can deepen our spiritual life and act as a therapy for our troubled hearts. The act of picking up the Rosary and fingering the beads is calming, especially if we imagine that in so doing we are placing our hand in the hand of our Blessed Mother who, like a good mother, protects us and guides us. Protection from the evil one and leading us to her Son, Jesus. It also helps to develop our interior life of faith, in that it invites us not just to say repetitive prayers but to dwell on the mystery of a particular event in our Lord's life and ministry. The repetitive prayer of the Hail Mary acts as background music to our meditation, and the very saying of this prayer helps to calm and quieten our busy minds. Try it and see. The taking up of the beads reminds us of the supernatural, as we enter into that dialogue with God we call prayer. Much of our lives are absorbed by the demands of the present. It is, therefore, good to take a break from such, and saying the Rosary offers us that opportunity to put aside those preoccupations and focus for a while on the spiritual side of our being. This helps to keep a balance in our lives, which can run aground with exhaustion. Remember the gospel story of Martha and Mary. It was Mary who was commended by the Lord for choosing the better part of giving attention to him. Martha, on the other hand, allowed herself to be distracted, worrying and fretting over many things. We need to establish a balance between doing and being. Setting aside some time in prayer each day is so important. We manage to find time for everything else, so why not prayer? Saying the rosary is one practical way in which we can do this. If you are not so familiar with this prayer, there is plenty of information online and in prayer books. We should take heed of the Holy Father's appeal to pray the Rosary for peace in our world. The dividend is peace in our own hearts, too. *'Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.'*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £1637.85
CAFOD Collection	St Joseph's £928.68

Our Lady's £332.85
Our Lady's £182.75

Thank you